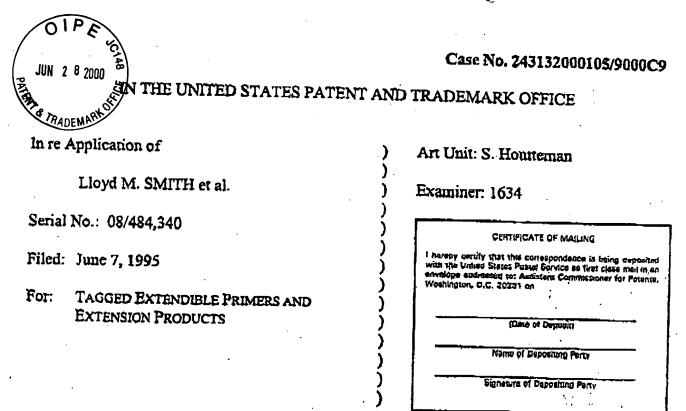
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DECLARATION OF LLOYD M. SMITH UNDER 35 USC § 1.131

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

- I, Lloyd M. Smith, declare the following statements to be true:
- 1. I am an inventor of the invention embodied in the pending claims of the above-identified patent application.
 - 2. I am an inventor of the invention embodied in the claims in U.S. Patent 4,849,513.
- 3. I conceived and reduced to practice oligonucleotide primers labeled with fluorescent dyes in the United States prior to December 20, 1983. The fluorescent dye labeled oligonucleotide primers were used in DNA sequencing reactions in the United States prior to December 20, 1983.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: June 28, 2000

By: _

Lloyd Smith